



In 1899, the Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad built the Heber Valley Railroad as a branch line that connected Heber City to Provo, Utah, on the D&RGW mainline. The HV operated freight and passenger service until the line's closure in 1967. The track between Provo and Vivian Park, located about halfway up the 30-mile-long line, was later removed and converted into a recreational trail. During the 1970's and 1980's the railroad operated on the remaining track between Vivian Park and Heber City as the "Heber Creeper" excursion train. In the late 1980's this railroad went out of business. Citizens in the Heber area petitioned the State of Utah to create the Heber Valley Historic Railroad Authority in the early 1990's and the new HV has seen considerable growth as a non-profit tourist line.

This southwestward view of the HV is near the west end-of-track at Vivian Park. The Provo River, which cuts a water gap through the Wasatch Range, is to the right and a small bridge carries the HV grade over a tributary.





Southwestward view of the HV at the west end-of-track at Vivian Park. The end-of-track is at the far end of the fence, and the beginning of the recreational rail-to-trail is on the other side of the fence. The trail follows the abandoned HV grade down to Provo.





Northeastward view of the HV at the west end-of-track at Vivian Park, at the same location and showing the same stored rail car as the previous photo.